

# Reading EDGE

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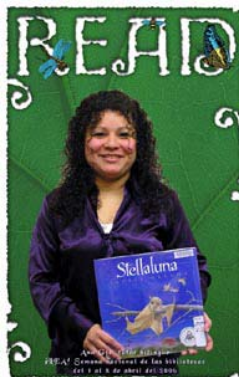
## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

For the past three years, in recognition of National Library Week, the Newport Library has created READ posters featuring local library supporters and readers. This year's posters, designed by Supervising Librarian Sheryl Eldridge, will remain on display for several weeks.

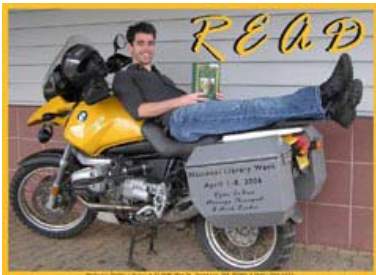


Marian Brown, the prime mover of NEWPORT READS! and Newport Library Foundation President, graces one of the posters. Marian holds a favorite book, *Moses the Kitten* by retired British veterinarian James Herriot. Marian runs a veterinary business with her husband Steven, and she loves children's books.

Ana Gil, a bilingual tutor, began her own summer reading program at the library last year, teaching Spanish-speaking children to read English. During the school year Ana teaches English as a Second Language at the Early Childhood Center. Her favorite book, *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon, is about being an outsider and learning to value one's differences.



Ryan LeBoss loves books and libraries. And motorcycles, travel, and keeping fit. A massage therapist, LeBoss recently returned from 3 months in Thailand where he studied traditional Thai massage. He holds his all-time favorite book, *Walden*, written by another original thinker, Henry David Thoreau.



Thank you, Ryan, Ana, and Marian for sharing your favorite books with our readers, and encouraging everyone in Newport to READ.

## PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES, & TALES

This year's Summer Reading theme lends itself to fun ideas for promoting reading. Sign-up for youth ages 1-18 begins June 1. We are planning programs for preschoolers (ages 1-5), grade school readers (ages 6-11), and young adults (ages 12-18).



Weekly programs for 6-11 year olds begin Wednesday, June 21 at 1 p.m. with a visit from an American alligator named Lhasi. Yes, an alligator in the library! Wildlife Safari will kick off a summer full of animals and animal tales. Wednesday programs will continue until August 9 and feature raptors, basketball playing Border collies, storytellers, musicians, book bingo, and puppeteers. Readers can earn a t-shirt purchased with funds from Umpqua Bank, a major supporter of Newport Library's summer programs. Lodging for the performers is provided by the Sylvia Beach Hotel, La Quinta Inn and Suites, and the Chinook Winds Resort Hotel.

The Teen Summer Contest is back with a raffle ticket awarded for every 150 pages read. Raffle drawings happen every Friday for prizes from local businesses. Teens can also attend this summer's *Teens Third Thursdays @ the Library*.

Toddler and preschool programs will continue on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays through August 11. Designed as an introduction to the library and the joys of reading, these programs are scheduled at various times.

More information about specific programs is available at the library or online at [www.newportlibrary.org](http://www.newportlibrary.org). Funds for Summer Reading programs come from several local donations, the Oregon State Library Ready to Read grants, and the generosity of many community business partners.

## STAFF PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

In working toward reaching the library's top goals for 2005-2006—increasing literacy, improving service, keeping up with technology, and partnering with schools and other agencies—the library staff and volunteers have completed the following activities:

- ♦ The Card for Every Child campaign targeted second grade classrooms and encouraged public library card sign-up during High School registration.
- ♦ Bridges to Literacy brought popular children's authors Ben Mikaelson and Jane Kurtz to Newport schools, and provided classroom sets of their books.
- ♦ The Oregon Department of Transportation added two library directional signs on the highways, in response to our persistent request.
- ♦ New brochures tell about library books and videos on beachcombing, identifying beach flora and fauna, and what to do at the beach.
- ♦ New system software improved the library catalog.
- ♦ The Newport Library Foundation and a Gates Foundation grant paid for three of the four new Internet computers for the public.
- ♦ The Library Foundation led a community reading program, NEWPORT READS!, and chose the book *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. Over 150 enthusiastic people met to discuss miracles, justice, and mercy in the book and in our lives.

It's been a year of increase: more than one thousand new people got library cards, we checked out 5,000 more books than last year, and we had 15% more children reading and attending Summer Reading programs.

Next year we will continue A Card for Every Child and begin a new campaign: A Card for Everybody. A Card for Everybody will aim to improve service to another special group and register them for library cards. Bridges to Literacy will focus on math and science literacy for school children.

We have begun work on a Library Garden in front of the building and will support the Rotary Club of Newport as

they create a Literacy Park in back. NEWPORT READS! will return with another terrific book to bring the community together. Keep reading this newsletter to find out when and how you and your family can take part.

Thanks to the Newport Library Foundation  
for a fun, provocative, lively, & inclusive  
first annual NEWPORT READS!

## HONOR WITH BOOKS

The following people have been honored with books at the library: Joseph F. Longo, Jr., John Patrick Gorman, and Myrle Woodell.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♦ May 17, 5:15 p.m.  
Library Board Meeting
- ♦ May 18, 7:00 p.m.  
Third Thursday Teen Program
- ♦ May 19  
Author Jane Kurtz visits Newport schools
- ♦ May 29  
Library closed for holiday
- ♦ June 1  
Summer Reading Sign-up Begins
- ♦ June 21, 1:00 p.m.  
Weekly Summer Reading Programs Begin
- ♦ June 21, 5:15 p.m.  
Library Foundation Retreat
- ♦ June 22, 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday Teen Program
- ♦ July 4  
Library closed for holiday
- ♦ July 19, 5:15 p.m.  
Library Board Meeting
- ♦ July 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Third Thursday Teen Program
- ♦ Ongoing: bilingual preschool and toddler storytimes,  
Internet classes and reading circle

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